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SUBJ: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT VOUCHERS BY AID PROJECT OFFICERS

REFS: A) AIDTO CIRC A-31 B) MANILA 4692 C) COLOMBO 1178
D) JAKARTA 04345

1. USOM/BANGKOK CONCURS IN THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN REF'S (B),
(C) AND (D) AND STRONGLY URGES CANCELLATION OF THE REQUIREMENT
THAT AID PROJECT OFFICERS CERTIFY THAT GOODS AND SERVICES
HAVE BEEN DELIVERED IN ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVING PAYMENT
VOUCHERS SUBMITTED TO AID FOR PAYMENT.

2. USOM/BANGKOK ADDS THE OBSERVATION THAT THE REQUIREMENT
APPARENTLY APPLIES TO POV-OPGS AS WELL AS CENTRALLY FUNDED AND
REGIONAL GRANTS. THIS HAS THE EFFECT OF IMPOSING ON THE
PROJECT OFFICER IN AID/W, AND WHERE APPLICABLE IN THE FIELD,
THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CERTIFYING THAT GOODS AND SERVICES
HAVE BEEN DELIVERED. PER PARA (3) REF. (D), ENFORCEMENT
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OF THIS REQUIREMENT TENDS FURTHER TO IMPLY MISTRUST OF
BOTH PVO AND HOST COUNTRY CERTIFYING AGENCY.

3 MISSION FORSEES INCREASED TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC BY
FRUSTRATED AID/W PROJECT OFFICERS REQUESTING INFO FROM
FIELD MISSIONS IN ORDER TO MAKE THEIR CERTIFICATIONS HAVE
EVEN MARGINAL MEANING. ALSO FIELD PROJECT OFFICERS WILL

HAVE TO RELY ON AID/W STAFF TO OBTAIN DATA FROM CONTRACTORS
ON HOME OFFICE EXPENSES BEING INCURRED ETC. WE SEE THIS
AS MAJOR DELAY IN WHOLE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS.

THESE DELAYS IN MAKING PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS AND PVOS
WILL INCREASE COSTS AND INEFFICIENCY AND BE REGARDED BY
PVOS, CONTRACTORS AND HOST GOVERNMENT PROJECT MANAGERS AS
EVIDENCE OF AID'S IMPINGEMENT ON THEIR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION
RESPONSIBILITIES. AS POINTED OUT BY USAID/JAKARTA, THIS IS
NOT IN KEEPING WITH WHOLE AID THRUST TO CONDUCT ITS BUSINESS
IN A MORE COLLABORATIVE STYLE.
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